

# THE GRAVITY ARMY

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## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Preparations for the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the G. A. R.

The Commander-in-Chief, John M. Palmer, is now in the city. Gen. Palmer has not been here since his return from his latest official trip, covering some 40,000 miles. He says from his travels that the veterans are anxious to come to Washington, and the parade up the Avenue will be the greatest that has ever been seen here. Gen. Palmer had a long talk with Chairman Edison last night, and was being down by the Citizens' Executive Committee.

The general says he will be greatly relieved when his term expires in September and he can succeed to his duties. He thinks the place of the annual meeting is a very important one. Having a supervision over an organization that contains nearly half a million of men is no trifling matter. He has had to pass upon just one or two troublesome questions, one being that of the color line, which was drawn in Louisiana.

The plan proposed by Gen. Palmer to have the parade move down the Avenue in double lines was considered by the Committee on Parade last week. The Committee, as well as Gen. Palmer, realized that the parade will be a magnificent affair, and they naturally are desirous of having everything go off with as much dispatch as possible.

The Headquarters of the Committee on Accommodations in the Atlantic Building last night was a place of great interest to people who have rooms to rent during the encampment. The rooming house, at 1000 Broadway, is a fine building, and is being visited by a representative of the committee and the character of the accommodations noted. There is a good supply of available quarters now on the books of the committee, and although a large number of rooms have been secured there plenty will still be left.

The following posts are secured quarters during the past week: Post 29, Baltimore; Post 30, Stevens Post, 6, Peterboro, N. H., for 40 comrades at Madison street building; Post 31, Dr. Post, 36, Lakeport, N. H., for 50 comrades at Blair School building; Ephraim Weston Post, 37, Attn. N. H., for 25 comrades at Blair School building; Capt. Joseph Fresh Post, 34, Manchester, N. H., for 50 comrades; Pullman Post, 35, E. G. M. Post, 36, Rochester, N. Y., for 50 comrades; Capt. Post, 37, for 50 comrades.

The Monument grounds will be the main center for the free quarters. Buildings will be erected there which will have accommodations for some 10,000 men. It is proposed to erect buildings at Garfield Park. While the quarters to be provided by the committee will not have the elegance which may be found in a first-class hotel, yet everything will be clean and comfortable, and the veterans will live a great deal better than they did during the war. The quarters will be reserved for their own tents, and space will be reserved on the Monument grounds where they can be erected.

Post 38, at Camden, and again during National Encampment, at the Hotel of the U. S. Marine Corps. This brigade is composed of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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